

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-15 and 17-30 were pending in the application, of which Claim 19 is independent and the only claim not withdrawn. In the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, Claim 19 was objected to and was allowed. Following this response, only Claim 19 remains, Claims 1-15, 17-18, and 20-30 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 16 was previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby address the Examiner's objection.

I. Objection to the Claims

In the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, the Examiner objected to Claim 19 as containing an informality. Claim 19 has been amended to address this informality and does not narrow the claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment overcomes this objection and adds no new matter. In addition, Applicants cancel Claims 1-15, 17-18, and 20-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Allowance of Claims

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass Claim 19 to issue.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the

Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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